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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of **Hans-Jurgen MATT, Michael WALKER, and Michael MAURER**

**EXPONENTIAL ECHO AND NOISE REDUCTION IN SILENCE INTERVALS**  
Our Ref. Q61703

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 2 sheets of the specification, claims and abstract, 3 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

**Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>23</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>3</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$54.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$764.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$804.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$764.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 27, 1999 based on German Application No. 19957221.6. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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